IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Hidehito KUBO

Title:

LOAD BALANCING METHOD AND SYSTEM **BASED ON ESTIMATED ELONGATION RATES**

Appl. No.:

09/680,517

Filing Date:

10/6/2000

Examiner:

G. L. Opie

Art Unit:

2194

Conf. No.:

9120

LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file upon Allowance, the undersigned has noted that Applicant's PTO Form 1449 submitted with his Disclosure Statement on November 28, 2000 and PTO SB/08 Form submitted with his Disclosure Statement on August 16, 2004, have not been acknowledged by the Patent and Trademark Office.

The Patent and Trademark Office is, therefore, requested to return the initialed forms to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

July 5, 2005

Arterola 38,819

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

Customer Number: 22428

Telephone:

(202) 672-5407

Facsimile:

(202) 672-5399

David A. Blumenthal

Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 26,257